PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: LOSBICHLER

In re Application of:)	
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PAUL LOSBICHLER)	
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Appl. No.: 10/798,141)	
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Filed: March 10, 2004)	
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For: TEMPERATURE SENSOR)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A) which is cited in the specification, filed on March 10, 2004 and references B) to C). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Europe	EP 0 141 923	E.G.O. Elektro-G.	05-22-1985
B)	Europe	EP 0 552 860 A2	Ceramaspeed	08-27-1993
C)	Europe	EP 0 993 015 A2	E.G.O. Elektro-G.	04-12-2000

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference C) describes a switching device which has a rod-shaped temperature sensor (15) consisting of a tube (16) containing an elongate element (17) of differing thermal expansion coefficients. A switch (22) with a snap-action spring is actuated by the temperature sensor via a separate operating device which is formed integrally with the spring. The spring may be a compression spring.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.
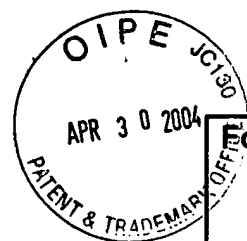
Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	EP 0 141 923	05-22-1985	Europe			no
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